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SECURITY PANEL

Synopsis of 30 October 1972 Report

The Security Panel report attempts to express the Agency's security R&D needs by listing the gaps (inadequate capabilities) in the current programs. A summary of all recommended programs with funding estimates is attached. Fund levels currently budgeted, including TEMPEST and Comsec, are:

<u>FY 1972</u>	<u>FY 1973</u>	<u>FY 1974</u>
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The Panel states that the above programs must be accomplished because "the ability of the Agency to perform...depends inescapably upon...appropriate information" the availability of which "depends almost entirely upon" the Agency's "legal and moral responsibility" to protect "the sources and methods by which the information is collected." With this statement few could argue. However, the following statement that "security problems including operations and R&D must therefore receive continuing Agency emphasis and must be given high priority irrespective of budgetary problems" is questionable. There is no threat analysis based on hard intelligence on hostile capabilities and actions.

Although the analysis of security problems appears exhaustive, the Panel has not addressed adequately the priorities which should be assigned to the recommended programs, nor have they articulated clearly the specific requirements for their progress. Cloaking these problems in "apple pie and motherhood" does little to clarify the issues.

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Security can only be a relative thing, and as techniques and technology grow the balance shifts increasingly towards the attacker. A long and growing list of hazards has been developed by the Panel. For example, signal detection and identification techniques have not kept pace in terms of scope and sensitivity--

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The proposed programs in this area will not begin to develop adequate countermeasures to the growing spectrum of threats. As in the past, a great deal of reliance will have to be placed on operational procedures rather than technical protection techniques.

The level of effort and the emphasis which should be given in this program should be thoughtfully reviewed by the R&D Board. The matter of the level of risk which can be tolerated along this growing spectrum of threats vs. the cost of ^{insurance} intelligence against these threats can only be a matter of judgment.

~~The Panel has not submitted their priorities or recommendations.~~